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### Computer Espionage Case Ends in Calif.

The last of the defendants in an industrial espionage case involving American computer secrets withdrew their pleas of innocent yesterday in a last-minute switch that canceled a potentially embarrassing trial.

A U.S. District Court judge in San Jose, Calif., accepted—over the objections of federal prosecutors—a plea of no contest by Mitsubishi Electric Corp. and two of its employees, who earlier pleaded innocent to one count of conspiracy to transport stolen IBM computer secrets.

The giant electronics corporation and its employees were the only remaining defendants in a multimillion dollar industrial scandal that originally included Hitachi Ltd. and 17 other individuals.